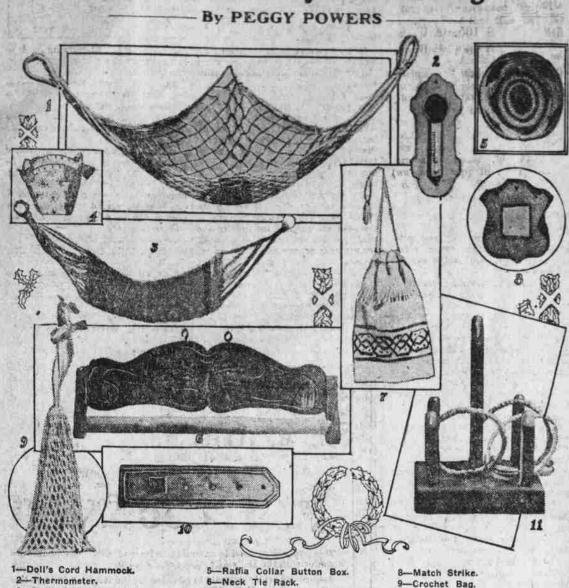
Christmas Gifts by Little Fingers



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3-Doll's Raffia Hammock.

-Card Board Work Basket

As Christmas draws near, the little folks are wondering what they shall make this year. They should know that something made by themselves is appreciated a hundred times more than anything money could buy.

Doesn't mother still use the needle case given her two Christmases ago, and isn't father as proud of his desk calendar as the day he found it hidden under his breakfast napkin?

Remember, whatever it is, wrap it neatly in tissue paper when finished, tie it with ribbon and stick a piece of evergreen or holly through the bow. A carefully wrapped present always adds to the pleasure of receiving it. answer the question of "What shall I

gestions are chiefly for the boys, be-

Ring Toss. in the center and one in each corner, purpose one inch from the edge. In these holes fit rounded sticks about an inch thick. gilded for about an inch.

Six rings are made of reeds formed 20 minutes to make them bend easier. Cover them with raffia. This game long winter afternoons.

Neck Tie Rack. Basswood should be used for this rack, because it is soft, easily cut and a design as shown in the picture. It is % inch thick, 5% inches wide and 13 inches long. The rod is 1/4 inch bow. thick and 11 inches long. The posts are % inch by 11/2 inches. The rod and posts should be made out of birch or maple wood because it is harder. Give the rack an even coat of shellac Place two screws and two screw eyes on the top of the rack so it will be ready to hang up on Christmas morn-

Match Strike.

Out of a piece of bass wood that measures 1/4 inch thick, 61/4 inches wide and 7 inches long, cut with a scroll saw a match strike like in the picture. Place a piece of sand paper around a small bleck of wood and sand paper it in the direction of the grain of the wood. Never work against the grain. Give the board a coat of shellac. Cut a square of sand paper the center of the panel. Place somedecorate it.

Thread and Needle.

7-A Pretty Bag.

wood 1/4 inch thick, 31/2 inches wide and 141/2 inches long. (See picture.) This must be given a coat of shellac. Bore a hole in the middle of the board through the top. At each corner of one inch from the top by which to the bottom of the bag place a bow. hang it. Two, four and six inches from that bore holes and place in each of them a peg ½ inch thick and 1 inch long, which holds the spool of thread. Two inches from the lowest one glue a velvet pin cushion. This cushion is 24 inches square. It inch below the cushion screw a brass hook to hold the scissors.

Thermometer. Any one is glad to have a pretty thermometer for his or her room. Look at the picture and cut a design Here are some ideas that will help like it out of basswood. Bore a hole near the top for hanging. Sand paper make this year?" The first five sug- the board the same as you did the match strike. Shellac both sides. If ends of the handle through them. cause to make these presents they you put a coat on only one side the You can sew smaller bows where the will need their tool chests, although, board will warp. Stamp the back handles join the basket if you wish. of course, many girls are as handy ground to make it look pretty with a Make a base or stand of wood nine the thermometer. Glue it in place, it for a gift. Soak a reed in hot wainches square, and two inches thick. Tack on a thermometer with the brass Bore five holes in the top of this, one escutcheon pins that are used for that

Cardboard Work Basket.

Paint or shellac the wood. Shellac does not require the tool chest, and can be bought at any paint store. If "big sister" will be glad to have it. It is too thick, thin it with a little It is useful as well as pretty. Cut alcohol. The tops of the sticks are out of heavy white cardboard four it along the reed and work over it pieces shaped like the picture. They should be 2 inches across the bottom in circles. Soak the reeds for about and 4 inches across the top. On each When the bottom of the basket is finone embroider several spider webs will give much pleasure during the cardboard a square, a trifle less than 2 inches, for the bottom of the basket. Fit and sew the sides to the bottom ing the coll gradually. and then sew the sides together to form a basket. Run a ribbon, about light in weight. Saw out of the wood an inch wide, along the edges of the basket. Sew it firmly at the corners. At each top corner place a pretty

A Pretty Bag. This is a crash bag 14 inches long and 7 inches wide when finished. At the top a piece 4 inches long is turned over and 1% inches of it at the bottom is ravelled for a fringe. An small embroidery rings are sewed. each 11/4 inches apart. Through this a silk cord is drawn. You can make up your own embroidery design. The

simple chain stitch. Crotchet Bag. This bag was crotcheted with a very simple stitch and was made by a little girl only nine years old. Get out your crotchet needle and see what you can do. This bag may be used for many different things and if well made and place it on a thin layer of glue in will last for years. For the bottom of it, cut a piece of cardboard 4 inches thing heavy on the sand paper until by 5 inches. Cover it with any piece

10-Thread and Needle. 11-Ring Toss. Christmas draws near, the glue is hardened. With your of pretty silk you have in the house carving punch and hammer strike Crochet, with mercerized silk crotchet light, careful blows over the board to thread, a chain of 160 chain stitches. For the second time round take seven stitches and go into every fourth How glad mother will be to receive stitch of the first row. this useful gift! It is made of basscrotcheting in this manner until your bag is ten inches long; then sew it to the cardboard base. Run a pretty

draw ribbon finished with

9-Crochet Bag.

Raffia Collar Button Box. How the children love raffia work And it is wonderful what beautiful things even very little children can make. The raffia box in this picture was made by a six-year-old youngster. It is for father's collar buttons. In is stuffed with cotton batting. One the middle of it cut a tiny hole. Wind raffia evenly around this circle from the center to the edge. Cut a piece of cardboard 2 inches wide and long enough to fit the base. Wind the raffia around this piece and with a piece of raffia sew it to the bottom of the box. Braid three pieces of raffia for a handle. Punch one hole on each side of the basket near the top and run the

Any one who has ever made a rafha basket knows how much pleasure Cut out a background like picture for it is and how glad one is to receive ter. Thread a needle with raffia. Make a point at one end of the reed with a knife. Wind the piece of raf fis around the reed. Form this end And here is a dainty basket that into a coil and sew tightly. Wind the thread over the reed and place the needle through the coil of reed and raffia. In starting a new thread, hold until the end is fastened. The designs are worked in colored raffia. ished begin the sides by placing the with mercerized silk. Cut out of reed right on top of the last coil. When the basket is finished sharpen the end of the reed to a point, finish-

Doll's Raffia Hammock Take a piece of strawboard 10 inches long and 7 inches wide Along the longest edge make notches 14 inch apart. Fasten two brass rings in the middle of back of strawboard. Carry a cord from one ring on the back through the corner notch in front across the length of the board. through over the back, and loop it through the other ring. Do this until the thread passes over each inch from the top of the bag eight notch. Then weave across. Weave once across the back close to the edge. Work over this last row and sew between the strand so that when you place your dolls in the hammock one in the picture is worked with a it won't ravel. Unfasten the rings and break away the cardboard.

Doll's Cord Hammock. Here is a picture of a hammo for dolly, made of macreme cord. A ten-year-old child made this hammock for her little sister. It is about one yard long and made of the Solomon's knots. You can also have mamma show you how to crochet one.

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sented to accompany the couple to

England, but contrived, on landing at

Dover, to give them the slip. Once

again was the hue and cry raised, but

Dreher managed to reach New York

with his pursuers on his track. For

a second time did he avoid capture,

and succeeded in reaching San Fran-

cisco, where he had the misfortune

to break his leg. Crippled by the ac-

cident, his means almost exhausted

and broken in spirit, he no longer at-

tempted evasion, but allowed himself

WIDOW MEANT TO HAVE HIM she soon became very anxious, when her uneasiness suddenly gave place Remarkable Story of Worldwide Chase to rage on receipt of an anonymous for Man Who Sought to Evade communication, telling her of her faith-Matrimony. less lover's flight and informing her of his address. Next day, accompanied Regretting an engagement into by her brother, she left for Berlin, only which he had entered, a young German to find on her arrival that Dreher, no

doubt scenting danger, had fled south-Lancashire (England) firm, threw up his situation and left for Berlin. No Through Austria she traced him to news of any kind reached his fiancee, Italy, where he was found in Rome. a widow of some means, and, as her employed as waiter at a cafe. Overrepeated letters remained unanswered, awed by the brother's threats, he con- to be taken possession of by the widow.

The New Woman. Mary, aged six, had not lived all her years in New York for nothing. Christmas, and prodigally ordered for Mary a wonderful doll's house, fifteen rooms, four baths, ample grounds, no

Mamma called in Mary's playmates to celebrate the day. Before lunch time Mary had sublet three rooms and a bath on the second floor to Betty on a nine weeks' lease at twenty-five cents a week, and a single room and right hand to pay car fare."

required. Moreover, she had contrived from her paint box a huge sign reading; "Apartments to let; apply to owner on premises.

Mary is still doing a rushing bustness .- New York Evening Post,

"There sits a girl with money in her own right." "I saw it. She has a nickel in her

Wireless telephone messages have sen exchanged successfully between the famous wireless station at Nauen a village near Berlin, Germany, and the Technical museum at Vienna, Austria, 310 miles away. With a new machine that has been perfected news-paper articles read in the Nauen station could be heard distinctly at Vienna and other intermediate stations. It is prophesied that still stronger machines will make it possible to talk across the Atlantic.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN WESTERN CANADA

THE LATEST METHODS ADOPTED BY THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

Scientific farming can be pursued with more profit and advantage in Western Canada, probably than in any other portion of the continent. What may be achieved by it may be ascertained when it is known what has been accomplished by the thousands who have been following the occupation for some time and made a success of it with not even a theoretical knowledge. They "have tickled the land with a hoe" and become rich But the question is how long could "A schoolboy of eleven," said Prof. that continue. The soil and the climate and every other condition favor ity on English, "once gave an apt illusgreat results by a pursuit of such tration of figurative usage. He gave methods as a technical and practical it in a composition, writing: knowledge will bring. There is in "A figgerative saying is, "to keep the writer's opinion no possibility of the wolf from the door." It does not failure. Fully aware of this and also mean to keep a real live wolf from the of the great potentialities that exist door. A good instance is when in Western Canada for the following landlord comes for the rent. He knocks of the profession of farming, as it at the door and you keep awful quiet, could be developed and carried on in in the hope that he will think there is Western Canada, the various governments have established the machinery, that there may be developed a class of farmers, who in the possession of the rich soll of that country, with its abundant humus and its phosphates and other properties with which it is so largely endowed, will make of the country, the greatest farming portion of the known world.

The Dominion government showed its paternalism years ago when it established experimental farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The benefits of these in the matter of practical education have been widespread, but the greatest benefit is to be observed in the immediate vicinity of these farms, where the occupants have year sees an added value.

large attendance, not only of the far- itched a little at times. mer's sons, but by the farmer himself and also by the sons of business that is what it is fast becoming.

it will not be long before it will be an | 22, 1912. easy matter to pick out the farms taught by their neighbor.

The same may be said of Alberta. The university at Edmonton has a complete agricultural college. Full advantage of this is taken by hundreds of students anxious to better their agricultural knowledge, and fit them to take hold successfully of the lands that they expect to occupy. This province has also added demonstration farms in various parts, which are very successful, inasmuch as farmers visit them from all parts, and take advantage of educating themselves for short periods during each winter. Dean Curtiss of Ames Agricultural

College, Iowa, says: "We of the United States think that we know how to get behind agriculture and push, but the Canadians dare to do even more than we do in some respects. They have wonderful faith in the future; they hesitate at no undertaking that offers prospects of results. More significant still is the wide co-operation for agricultural promotion, including the government, private individuals and corporations and the railroads,"

"Canadians are putting great faith in education for the development of their resources-not the old education but vocational and technical. Provinces that have less than half the population of Iowa and much less wealth are appropriating more liberally for colleges and schools, Manitoba, for instance, has in the last two years provided about as much money for the building of an agricultural plant as Iowa has appropriated in half a century. It has given in two years \$2,-500,000 for buildings and grounds for its agricultural institutions.

"Saskatchewan is building a plant for its university and agricultural college on a broader and more substantial plan than has been applied to any similar institution in this country. Yet neither province has more than half a million population.

"For public schools equally generous provision is made. They are being built up to give vocational and technical training as well as cultural. They fit the needs of the country excellently and should turn out fine types of boys and girls. They do this with a remarkable faith in the value

of right education. "Dean Curtiss was much intereste in the many other ways the Canadian government aids agriculture, aside from appropriations for educational purposes. They are aiding in solving marketing problems; they are encour aging better breeding of livestock by buying sires and reselling them at cost, and they are doing many other

things of like character. "I found that the government is advancing from 50 to 85 per cent. of the money necessary to build co-operative creameries and elevators," said Dean Curtiss, "and it is doing it at a Haven't you any lobsters that are low rate of interest and on long time payments. Where cattle need breeding up, the government buys bulls of airy, Shorthorn, or special dairy breeds and sends them in at cost price Bachi.

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The yield of grain in Western Canada in 1913 was excellent but not ab are soon parted.

normal, wheat going from 30 to 45 OTHER SIDE OF THE CASE bushels per acre, and other small grain with equally good averages.-Adver-

Too Much for the Angels. The new baby had proved itself the possessor of extraordinary lung powers. One day baby's brother, little Johnny, said to his mother:

"Ma, little brother came from heaven, didn't he?" "Yes, dear," answered the mother. Johnny was silent for a minute, and then he went on: "I say, ma."

"What is it, Johnny?" "I don't blame the angels for slinging him out, do you?"-London Tit-Bits.

Figgerative.

nobody in and go away." Clean Record. The late Adolphus Busch was once talking to a St. Louis reporter about a brewing invention that, he held, promised more than it would perform

like Peck, of whom a man said:

"'Peck tells his wife everything he "Then came the mild addition: "'And he does everything she tells

"The invention," he remarked, "is

SCALY PSORIASIS ON LIMBS

Troop H, 6th U. S. Cavalry, Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis .- "I was troubled brought their holdings into a high with psoriasis for nearly two years. state of cultivation, and year after Portions of my arms and limbs were affected mostly with it. It appeared The Province of Manitoba is sup- in scaly form, breaking out in very plementing this work by its excellent small dots and gradually grew larger agricultural college, manned by pro- and white scales formed when about fessors of the highest standing in the size of an ordinary match-head. their various branches. That this The looks of it was horrible, which work is appreciated is shown by the made it very unpleasant for me. It

"I tried several treatments which cured me for a month, but it always men and professors who intend fol- broke out again. One day a friend lowing farming as a profession, and saw the advertisement of Cuticura Soap and Ointment in the paper and The Province of Saskatchewan, I sent for a sample. They helped me, alive to the necessity of a higher and so I purchased two more boxes of a better system of farming, has in Cuticura Ointment and some Cuticura connection with its university an ag- Soap and they completely cured me. ricultural college and what it is do- It took three months for Cuticura ing today in the matter of education Soap and Ointment to complete my will be felt for all time to come, and cure." (Signed) Walter Mahony, Oct.

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An old stone coffin without a lid and containing human bones and a silver coin with a Latin inscription entitled: Edward, King of England, Lord of Ireland, (Edward I. of England) was unearthed by workmen in St. Peter's lane, Leicester, England, a few days ago.

Placing Her. phone girl?" asked the old fogy. hers a business or a profession?" "Neither," replied the boob. is a calling."-Washington Herald.

Had Them for That Purpose. Street Car Passenger (angrily)-See here, do you think my feet were made for some idjot to stand on? Strap Hanger (coolly)-Yes; that is what I supposed.

Some Job. He-The hand that rocks the cra-She-Let me tell you before you

go any further that it's not the glad hand His Excuse. Collector-Why haven't you paid your gas bill?

Consumer-The light was so poor I could not read the bill.-California Pelican. Handicapped.

"Jenks will never make a good golfer." "80?" "He's tongue-tied."

Its Use. Knicker-They can now take photographs under the sea. Bocker-To show the size of the fish

that got away.

Not Up to the Minute. "Are you familiar with the Mexican situation? "Only up to eight o'clock this morn ing.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children tecthing, softens the gums, reduces inflamma-tion, allays pain, cures wind colic, Ec a bottle is "What's a 'New Yorker,' pa?"

"It's a man who has never been inside his own home nor outside of his own city."-Life. Aboard Ship.

Pretty Girl-Just ask them to hold

Steward-A Marconigram for you,

Mrs. Youngbride (to fish peddler)riper? These look so green.

women who deserve none.--Mme.

A rich young widow and her weeds

Man to Consider a Revision of His Previous Ideas.

Accidental Meeting Almost Caused

"I see," said the man who had been scanning a newspaper as he enjoyed his cigar-"I see that at the present time there are no less than six counts and lords here with us in search of American brides."

"Yes,' briefly replied the one ad-"They want rich ones, of course."

"Yes." "It's got to be a real matter of

"I've heard folks say there ought to be a law about such things." "Yes."

"What's your idea about it?" "I'm on my way to Reno, sir, and don't care to talk." "To Reno, not to get a-a-"

Yes, sir, to get a divorce from one of those American girls who ought to have married a lord or a count, but made a victim of me instead!"

"Dear me! Dear me!" mused the man with the paper after a moment's thought. "Maybe we are all wrong, and the lords and counts don't get no soft snap, after all!"

Best Sign of Genius. "My son," said the Old Philosopher, when you hear a feller talkin' night and day about 'the fire of genius,' just trail him to where he lives at and you'll very likely find a cold hearth and the wind whistlin' through the cracks in his dwelling-place. I much prefer to hear 'em talk about the 'strength' of genius, and see 'em give an example of it by swingin' an axe and choppin' trees stove-length. You see the firelight twinklin' from the windows of that feller's home, and you can lay yer last dollar on it that his table's always got enough to say grace over."-Atlanta Constitution.

Two Good Child Stories. Frances is a little girl with a mind of lightning-like quickness and a concomitant habit of jumping at conclusions. Visiting Niagara Falls for the first time she was awestruck at the volume of water. "Mother, do they turn it off at

night?" she innocently inquired. It was little Frances, again, who, looking at a high mountain, conjectured that the view from the top must be "exterminating," and who, visiting the "zoo" shortly after studying the signs of the zodiac on an impressive celling, asked:

"Father, shall we find any zodiacs here?"

Friendly Qualities. If you wish to make friends your heart must be kind, your tongue gentle, your motives disinterested and you must cultivate the blessed faculty of responsiveness.

These are the qualities that attract people. If you will present a sunny responsiveness to the world you need not fear but that friends will flock to

Having made friends it rests with yourself to hold them fast by worth and sincerity. Believe in them with a loyalty that cannot be shaken by petty suspicions and the tongues of gossip.-Exchange.

Hounds Had No Reason to Howl. The Luray Herald tells this story of an Oakley man who makes trips on business to various towns in western "It Kansas. At one hotel where he boarded a neighbor across the street had several hounds that disturbed guests greatly by their baying and howling. One day the traveling man was sitting on the porch and the dogs came sniffing about the house, snapping up bones and scraps. Then they broke out into their usual dismal howl-"What are you howling about?" said he. "You don't have to live at this hotel."-Kansas City Star.

Head of the House. A Chicago broker had just met an old-time friend. After the preliminaries and over the natural consequence, the O. T. F. asked: "And hodw's everything out at your house, George?"

"Oh, she's all right," replied the broker.

That Ancient Feeling. First Freshman (at football game) -I've yelled so hard I feel like the Centaurs.

Second Child-How's that? F. F.-Half horse.-Yale Record.

Robbed. Mother-What are you crying for

Urchin (who has been playing with his brother)-Boo-hoo! Billie's got all my best dirt!-London Opinion.

Compensation. Knicker-How would you like to be man without a country? Bocker-Fine; you wouldn't have to go broke sending your family there for the summer.

Desirable Knowledge. She (disdainfully)-Mr. Sims is a man of very low living. He (eagerly)-How does he manage

Moving Tale. "I saw Jinks just now, and he seemed much put out." "He is; his landlord is just after dispossessing him!"-Judge.

Easy to Get Along With "How are you getting along with your neighbors? ' "Fine! They don't seem to care what our children do to theirs."

A republic is not founded on virtue but on the ambition of its citizens.

A man is never too old to learn. But sometimes he is too young.

Education. vironment. The individual is in some way affected by everything with which he comes in contact, from the first moment of life until the end. Teaching is therefore a factor in evolution. It is a means of carrying on the development of the individual. Man is as yet incomplete; it is likely that all his best exercises still lie before him. He must be ready for what

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Probably Soup.

The witness, a heavy set man who looked as though he spent a good share of his time feasting, was called to the stand as a witness in a case of assault and battery.

time this happened," began the judge. "Now tell the court just what you "Who, me?" asked the man in be-

"You were in the restaurant at the

wilderment. "I didn't hear anything. I was eating." Dean's Mentholated Cough Drops effec-

tively drive out colds and stop all thrpat irritations—5c at Drug Stores.

Material Matter. In the apartment house hall: "Has the paper boy been here yet this morning?"
"No; only the meat man and the

bread girl."-Lippincott's, Domestic Amenities. Hub-Mary, my love, this apple

Wife-Well, then, finish it, my dear.

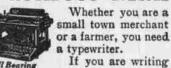
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